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*To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the JOINT
COMMITTEE for the UNITED SANITARY
DISTRICTS OF EAST BERKS.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the thirty-seventh Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the East Berks United Sanitary Districts.

The United Sanitary Districts came into being on the 19th November, 1910, when an Order was made by the Local Government Board uniting Maidenhead Borough and the Rural Districts of Cookham, Easthampstead and Windsor for the purpose of appointing one Medical Officer of Health. A new Order was made by the Ministry of Health on the 27th October, 1922, which joined Wokingham Borough and Wokingham Rural District to the "Union."

In the twenty-five years interval since the six areas were joined together to form one Medical Officer of Health administrative area, several significant advances have been made. The Infantile Mortality Rate has been reduced from 54 to 28 per 1,000 live births. The Tuberculosis Death Rate (all forms) has been reduced from .8 to .4 per 1,000 of the population, while the Pulmonary Tuberculosis Death Rate has fallen from 17 to 13. In 1923, 7 deaths occurred from Measles, 11 from Whooping Cough, 4 from Diphtheria, and 4 from Diarrhoea under two years of age. In 1947, there were 4 deaths from Whooping Cough, and no deaths from Measles, Diphtheria, and Diarrhoea.

From 1923 to 1947, the population of East Berks has increased from 81,734 to 112,245.

The following comparable statistics for 1947 are noteworthy :

	<i>England and Wales.</i>			<i>East Berks.</i>		
Birth Rate	20.5	...	...	19.2
Still Birth Rate5	...	...	.4
Death Rate	12.0	...	...	11.8
Infant Death Rate	41	...	...	28

The most noteworthy feature of the year was the outbreak of Acute Poliomyelitis during the months of July, August, September and October. During that period 28 cases of Poliomyelitis and 3 cases of Polioencephalitis were notified in the area. All of them were treated in hospital and 2 deaths occurred, both resulting from paralysis of the lungs.

This Annual Report is mainly statistics. It does little to indicate the enormous amount of effort put into the work of preventing disease, both by the Sanitary Inspectors and by the Clerical Staffs. That work goes on, however, in ever-increasing volume, and, as one of the team, I am grateful to them all for their loyalty and friendship.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Your obedient Servant,

W. B. MOORE,
Medical Officer of Health.

“ The Wilderness;”
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August, 1948.

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Maidenhead Municipal Borough

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	5,026
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1947	7,129
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1948	£217,248
Produce of a Penny Rate	£892

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of :

Population at middle of 1947	26,180
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BIRTHS.

Live Births.

						<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Legitimate						222	213
Illegitimate						16	17
Total						238	230

Live Birth Rate.

17.9

Still Births.

						<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Legitimate						5	3
Illegitimate						0	0
Total						5	3

Still Birth Rate.

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DEATHS.

Deaths (All Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
322	163	159

Death Rate.

12.3

Infant Deaths.

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
13	8	5

Infant Death Rate.

28

Maternal Deaths.

Nil

*Deaths from Tuberculosis.**Males. Females.*

Pulmonary	11	4
Non-pulmonary	0	0

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms ... ..	.57
Pulmonary ... ..	.57
Non-pulmonary ... ..	.00

CAUSES OF DEATH IN MAIDENHEAD URBAN DISTRICT, 1947.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females</i>
ALL CAUSES							163	159
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	11	4
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	15	20
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	25	21
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	34	51
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	5	6
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	13	7
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	10	2
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	5	4
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	15	16

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

IMMUNISATION.

A Clinic is held at "The Wilderness" on the first Saturday of the month for immunising children against Diphtheria. During 1947, 259 children received the full course of treatment and the total number of children immunised since 1940 including those done at the schools is 5,101.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below :

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1947.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases ad- mitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Dysentery	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	2	1	0
Measles	197	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	8	0	0
Pneumonia	8	0	0
Polio-encephalitis	2	2	1
Polio-myelitis	8	8	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	0
Scarlet Fever	6	3	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	36	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1947.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Measles	4	7	24	10	17	115	11	1	6	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
Polioencephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	1	7	6	3	16	1	-	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1943-1947.

<i>Disease.</i>				<i>1943.</i>	<i>1944.</i>	<i>1945.</i>	<i>1946.</i>	<i>1947.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	1	1	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	7	1	4	3	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	0	0	18	2	0
Encephalitis Lethargica		...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and								
Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	1	1	0	1	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1	2	2	3	2
Malaria	...	...	...	0	1	1	1	0
Measles	...	...	...	220	2	212	19	197
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		...	...	0	0	0	0	8
Pneumonia	...	...	...	5	3	2	1	8
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	2
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	8
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	0	7	3	2	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	162	29	25	4	6
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	31	12	3	13	36

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution). These requirements are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not during the current year, are set out in the table below :

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary.		Non.-Pul'y		Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
1— 5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „ ...	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	6	5	—	—	—	1	—	—
25—35 „ ...	3	8	1	—	2	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	4	2	—	1	2	1	—	—
45—55 „ ...	4	2	—	—	2	1	—	—
55—65 „ ...	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
65 and over ...	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	23	20	1	1	11	4	—	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—2 out of 15=26.66%

MAIDENHEAD BOROUGH ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The Maidenhead Borough Isolation Hospital serves the East Berks Districts and also the Borough of Windsor.

Admissions during the Year, 1947.

Districts.		Scarlet		Other	Total.
		Fever.	Diphtheria.	Cases.	
Maidenhead Borough ...	...	3	0	68	71
Wokingham Borough ...	...	1	3	10	14
Cookham R.D. ...	...	2	0	23	25
Easthampstead R.D.	8	1	18	27
Windsor R.D.	9	7	28	44
Wokingham R.D.	10	2	23	35
Windsor Borough	11	2	17	30
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Total, 1947	44	15	187	246
„ 1946	50	22	98	170
„ 1945	106	24	107	237

Thirty-eight cases of Scabies were also treated during the year at the Isolation Hospital.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Health Visiting.

The following is a summary of the visits paid by the Health Visitors during the year :

To expectant mothers :

First visits	...	...	...	...	27
Total visits	...	...	...	...	46

To children under 1 year :

First visits	429
Total visits	2,908

To children between 1 and 5 years :

Total visits	2,896
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Child Life Protection.

Number of homes on register	13
Number of children on register	25

Infant Welfare Centres.

Record of attendances during the year :

			<i>Under</i>	<i>1-5</i>	
			<i>1 year.</i>	<i>years.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
(a) The Wilderness	...	...	2,862	1,208	4,070
(b) Burbery Hall	...	...	2,474	832	3,306

Ante-Natal Clinic.

Number of attendances during the year : 1,703.

- WATER SUPPLY.

MAIDENHEAD PUMPING STATION.

Fifty-seven samples of water from the Maidenhead Wells were tested by the Royal Institute of Public Health during the year, and all were returned as satisfactory.

COOKHAM PUMPING STATION.

Fifty-seven samples from the Cookham Wells were tested and certified as satisfactory by the Royal Institute of Public Health.

Additional samples tested during flood periods were also satisfactory.

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION.

	<i>Maidenhead Wells.</i>	<i>Cookham Wells.</i>
<i>Physical Characters.</i>		
Reaction	Neutral	Neutral
Colour in 2ft. stratum	Clear Pale Blue	Clear Pale Blue
Suspended Matters	Nil	Nil
Taste		
Odour when warmed to 37°C.		
<i>Chemical Characters.</i>		
Total Solids dried at 100° c. ...	53.5	46.5
Loss on Ignition (after re-car.)	8.0	6.0
Chlorine in Chlorides	4.00	2.40
Chlorine $\times 1.647 =$ Sodium Chloride	6.58	3.95
Nitrites	Nil	Nil
Nitrogen as Nitrates	1.0	0.70
Saline Ammonia... ..	0.0006	0.0004
Albumoid Ammonia	0.007	0.0048
Oxygen absorbed in 3 hours at 37°C.	0.011	0.011
Total Hardness } Parts ...	31.0	30.0
Temporary Hardness } per ...	24.0	24.0
Permanent Hardness } 100,000	7.0	6.0

The following Report has been received from the Borough Surveyor.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

Further progress has been made in the elimination of cesspools in those areas where main sewers are available. The Council has now rescinded the resolution by which they undertook the cleansing of cesspools as regards those areas in which main drainage facilities are available.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The further augmentation of the vehicles engaged on the removal of house refuse by the acquisition of a new S. and D. Freighter, together with a slight improvement in the labour position, has resulted in a marked improvement in the house refuse collection service. In general a weekly collection of house refuse is now being maintained.

Cesspools and street gullies continue to be emptied by motor vacuum tanks.

SEWAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The additional percolating filter at the Sewage Disposal Works has been brought into commission and it is hoped that this will result in a considerable improvement in the effluent discharge from the Works. Even so, an appreciable portion of the sewage is still being treated upon the land areas and it is only with the greatest difficulty that a satisfactory effluent can be obtained from these areas.

Negotiations are now proceeding with the Cookham Rural District Council concerning the treatment of sewage from the Parish of Bray. The Council will consider the execution of further works for sewage disposal when these negotiations have been completed.

House refuse is now being disposed of by controlled tipping, the process by which house refuse and sewage sludge were composted to produce an agricultural fertiliser having been temporarily discontinued. An additional area of land adjoining the present tip will be brought into use for this purpose as soon as the old tip has been properly closed down.

The Council continues to give facilities to Reading University for research work on the composting process.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE BOROUGH.

Following is the report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year.

This summary does not include notices served under the Housing Act, 1936, for which see special report under Housing Statistics.

SUMMARY.

Visits and Re-visits to premises	...	...	...	...	...	5,185
Number of Formal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	49
„ „ Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	526
„ „ Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	445
Complaints received and attended to	...	...	...	...	...	440
Drains tested with Water	...	...	...	...	...	36
„ „ „ Smoke	...	...	...	...	...	2
Drains passed after examination (sewer connections, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	17
<i>Nature and Number of Nuisances dealt with :</i>						
Aminals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	7
Choked drains	...	...	...	...	...	150
Damp premises	...	...	...	...	...	95
Defective and insufficient cesspools	5
„ Chimney-stacks	14
„ Drains	15
„ Foul and choked W.C. pans	134

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Defective and insufficient inspection chambers	13
„ Eaves, gutters and stackpipes	53
„ Floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
„ Flushing cisterns	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
„ Grates and coppers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
„ Lavatory basins and sinks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ Plaster (walls and ceilings)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
„ Soil and ventilating pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ Water service pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
„ Windows, skylights and doors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
Dirty walls and ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ Tenants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Water-closets chamber	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Foul and defective waste pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Insufficient light to rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
„ Refuse receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106
„ Ventilation to rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Leaky roofs and fillets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Urinals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Public and private Library books disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Rooms disinfected after—								
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Other causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
School Exclusion Notices sent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Verminous Rooms disinfested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85
Wasps' nests destroyed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Other insect pests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88

SAMPLING.

No. of samples taken of:—

Water, drinking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Water, Swimming Pool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22

LIST OF ARTICLES STEAM DISINFECTED AT THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Articles of Bedding ...	118	Rugs ...	14
Blankets ...	247	Cushions ...	18
Bolsters and Pillows ...	735	Mattresses ...	383
Bundles of Bedding ...	3	Miscellaneous ...	70
Clothing (bundles) ...	7		
„ (articles) ...	84		

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

No. licensed on Council sites ...	8
No. licensed on Private sites ...	20

BAKEHOUSES.

No. on Register ...	20
No. of Inspections ...	89
Contraventions of Factories Act discovered and remedied ...	17
Other Nuisances ...	2

CINEMAS.

No. of Premises ...	2	Nuisances discovered	2
No. of Inspections ...	16	Nuisances remedied ...	2

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

No. on Register ...	1
No. of Inspections ...	15
Contraventions of Bye-Laws discovered and remedied ...	<i>Nil</i>

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register—

Wholesale producers ...	5
Retail producers ...	1
Retail purveyors ...	9
Milkshops ...	5

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

Dealer's Bottling Licence—Tuberculin Tested Milk ...	4
Distributor's Licence to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk ...	5
Licence to Pasteurise Milk ...	2
Dealer's Retailing Licence—Pasteurised Milk ...	1
Supplementary Licence to sell Pasteurised Milk (renewed) ...	1
Contraventions of the above Order discovered ...	<i>Nil</i>
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—	
Discovered ...	14
Remedied ...	12
Number of Inspections ...	107

Factories.

No. on Register—							
Factories with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
„ without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
No of Inspections :							
Factories with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	154
„ without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	112
				Defects		Defects	
				Discovered.		Remedied.	
Want of cleanliness	...	...	...	...	13	13	
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	Nil	—	
Unreasonable temperature	...	...	...	...	Nil	—	
Inadequate ventilaton	...	...	...	...	2	2	
„ means of escape in case of fire	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Sanitary Conveniences insufficient	...	...	...	...	2	2	
„ „ unsuitable or defective	...	...	...	...	10	10	
Sanitary Conveniences not separate for the sexes	...	...	...	...	2	2	
Other offences	...	...	...	...	3	3	
Means of escape in case of fire provided and Certificates granted	...	...	...	...		2	

Food Premises.

No. of Inspections	836
Contraventions	26

Knacker's Yard.

Visits for Inspection	17
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Central Slaughter House.

The following is a summary of the animals slaughtered and the meat condemned and surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

Animals Slaughtered.

Beasts	...	...	1,259	Pigs	...	...	19
Calves	...	...	724	Sheep	...	...	3,988

If on post-mortem examination any calf is found to be affected with tuberculosis notification is sent to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries Animal Health Division. During the year three such notifications were forwarded and in two cases the infection was traced to its source by Ministry officials.

UN SOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned, surrendered and disposed of, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption.

MEAT.				
Carcases and parts of Carcases :		<i>Tuberculosis.</i>	<i>Other causes.</i>	<i>Total Weight.</i>
Beasts	... ..	9,063lbs.	1,306½lbs.	10,359½lbs.
Calves	... ..	123lbs.	159lbs.	282 lbs.
Sheep	... ..	—	53 lbs.	53 lbs.
Pigs ...	... ..	195lbs.	118 lbs.	313lbs.
Offal :				
Beasts	... ..	7,389lbs.	7,607½lbs.	14,996½lbs.
Calves	... ..	29lbs.	41½lbs.	70½lbs.
Sheep	... ..	—	2,452½lbs.	2,452½lbs.
Pigs ...	... ..	9lbs.	11 lbs.	20 lbs.
Grand Total				28,557 lbs.
Equals 12 tons 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.				

OTHER FOODS.

Bacon	... ..	41¾lbs.	Cakes	... ..	2
Beans	... ..	38 lbs.	Crumpets	... ..	499
Biscuits	... ..	73¼lbs.	Eggs	... ..	238
Brawn	... ..	22½lbs.	Fish Cakes	... ..	24
Butter	... ..	43¼lbs.	Fruit Puddings	... ..	2
Butter Beans	... ..	112 lbs.	Malt loaves	... ..	2
Cake	... ..	13 lbs.	Various Foods	... ..	2,656 tins
Cheese	... ..	64¾lbs.	„ „	... ..	126 pkts.
Chestnuts	... ..	35 lbs.	„ „	... ..	2,434 jars
Dates	... ..	28 lbs.	„ „	... ..	24 bots.
Dried Figs	... ..	¼lb.			
Dried Peas	... ..	224 lbs.			
Fish ...	... ..	2,516 lbs.			
Flour	... ..	309 lbs.			
Fruit Pulp	... ..	5,354 lbs.			
Liver Sausage	... ..	7½lbs.			
Margarine	... ..	3 lbs.			
Meat...	... ..	797 lbs.			

Meat Pies	...	...	203 lbs.
Oatmeal	...	...	53½lbs.
Pears	...	...	414 lbs.
Pork (Cottagers' Pigs)			52 lbs.
Potatoes	...	...	1,792 lbs.
Prunes	...	...	1½lbs.
Rolled Oats...	...	...	116 lbs.
Sausages	...	...	34 lbs.
Sausage Meat	...	...	13 lbs.
Semolina	...	...	8 lbs.
Split Peas	...	...	1 lb.
Suet	...	...	3¼lbs.
Sugar	...	...	789 lbs.
Sweets	...	...	401¾lbs.
Tea	...	...	25 lbs.
Tongue	...	...	6 lbs.

————— tons. cwt. qrs. lbs.
13,595¼lbs. (6 1 1 15¼)

RODENT CONTROL.

The Rodent Control staff of the Borough now consists of the Rodent Officer and one assistant. The reorganisation in the methods of operation and treatment on the block system referred to in previous Reports, have continued to show encouraging and beneficial results.

Details of the work carried out during the year are submitted below.

Visits for extermination	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,080
Premises cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	409
Estimated kill	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,760
Number of bodies found	...	...	...	...	...	...	339

This total does not include the treatment of the local sewage farm, where 133 bodies were picked up. The estimated kill being 1,100 rats.

Visits of inspection : Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	221
Survey	...	...	...	...	...	1,483

Treatment of the sewers was carried out during the year, but none of the baits was taken. Further inspection at a later date proved that the sewers were free from infestation.

(Signed) W. E. HARDING,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	455
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,173
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	286

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ...	212
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :*A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	17
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	19
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners	19
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil

c. *Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Acts, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

There is still a number of cases of serious overcrowding in the district, and whilst every effort is made to relieve the most urgent cases, little can be done in a general way until more housing accommodation is available.

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937)

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	79	154	7	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies ...					
(a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement Order, 1938	2	—	—	—	—
(b) Others ...	3	91	112	3	—
iii) Other Premises under the Act(excluding out-workers' permises) ...	4	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...		170	266	10	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness...	5	13	13	—	2	—
Overcrowding ...	6	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temper- ature ...	7	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	8	2	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) insufficient ...	10	2	2	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	11	10	10	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	12	2	2	—	1	—
Other offences (not in- cluding offences re- lating to Homework)	13	4	4	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	60	33	32	—	4	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (4)	No. of prosecu- tions for fail- ure to supply lists (5)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (6)	Notices served (7)	Prose- cutions (8)
Wearing apparel:							
Making, etc.	14	11	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making ...	36	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	70	12	—	—	—	—	—

Wokingham

Municipal Borough

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	3,404
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1947	2,391
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1948	£57,281
Produce of a Penny Rate	£238

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of:

Population at middle of 1947	8,445
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BIRTHS.

Live Births.

						<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Legitimate						72	62
Illegitimate						7	8
Total						79	70

Live Birth Rate.

17.6

Still Births.

						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate						1	1
Illegitimate						—	—
Total						1	1

Still Birth Rate.

0.24.

DEATHS.

Deaths (all Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
121	56	65

Death Rate.

14.3.

Infant Deaths.

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
5	2	3

Infant Death Rate.

34.

Maternal Deaths.

Nil.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	1	1
Non-pulmonary	—	—
Tuberculosis Death Rate.		
All Forms ... ..	...	.023
Pulmonary ... ..	...	0.23
Non-pulmonary ... ..	...	0.0

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM URBAN DISTRICT, 1947.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males.	Female
ALL CAUSES	56	65
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	1	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	1
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—
8. Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9. Influenza	—	—
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F):...	2	3
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	5	3
15. Cancer of breast	—	1
16. Cancer of all other sites	5	6
17. Diabetes	—	1
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	5	4
19. Heart Disease	16	18
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	2	1
21. Bronchitis	1	—
22. Pneumonia	2	3
23. Other respiratory diseases	—	—
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	1
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	—
26. Appendicitis	—	1
27. Other digestive diseases	1	2
28. Nephritis	2	2
29. Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	—
31. Premature birth	2	—
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	—	1
33. Suicide	—	—
34. Road traffic accident	1	—
35. Other violent causes	3	4
36. All other causes	7	13

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the number of children immunised against Diphtheria was 150. Previous to 1947 there has been 1,784 immunisations carried out, making a grand total of 1,934.

The following tables set out the main particulars in relation to the notifiable infectious diseases for the year 1947.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1947.

(other than Tuberculosis)

<i>Diseases.</i>	<i>Total cases notified</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	1	0	0
Diphtheria	3	3	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid	1	1	1
Erysipelas	2	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Measles	54	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0	0
Pneumonia	1	0	0
Polio-myelitis	2	2	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	1	1	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	16	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1947.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years.</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Cerebro-meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Measles	4	5	-	2	4	36	3	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	4	1	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1943-47.

	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	0	0	0	1
Diphtheria	3	0	2	4	3
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	1	0	0	1
Erysipelas	0	1	0	0	2
Malaria	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	4	0	8	7	54
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0	1	4	1
Pneumonia	1	0	0	3	1
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0	0	2
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	0	0	1	0
Scarlet Fever	41	15	3	2	1
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0	12	16

TUBERCULOSIS.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „ ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—
25—35 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
45—55 „ ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	1	4	—	2	1	1	—	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—*Nil.*

WATER SUPPLY.

Water is supplied by the Mid-Wessex Water Company of Frimley Green, and throughout the year a good and wholesome supply was maintained. With the exception of isolated parcels of land, where sporadic development has occurred without the usual services, the Borough has a good distribution system and no complaints either as regards quality or quantity were received.

An extension of water main to serve Limmer Hill was undertaken and the houses previously dependant on well water for domestic purposes were connected to the new supply.

There are in the region of 50 wells still in use in partly developed areas, but the Borough Council have in mind provisional plans for reducing this substantially by extension of mains in terms of the Water Act, 1945.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The position as regards drainage is relatively similar to what has been said above concerning water supply. The bulk of the area is served by main drainage and provision has been made for the linking up of the entire area as and when the need arises. A fairly substantial gravity feed to the sewage works is possible and the remainder gravitates to a pumping station at Toutley, where it is directed to the Ashbridge Purification Works.

In addition to the latter works, there is a purification plant at Bucks Copse, which is used for two days' flow per week. The combined filtering area and tank capacity of these works is capable of dealing with a much greater flow than is obtained at present.

The Ashbridge plant, which is the newer of the two, being brought into use in 1928, could cope with a greater dry weather flow and in the course of time should development require it, could be readily extended.

A description of both works has been given in previous Reports and throughout the year excellent results were obtained from the periodical samples taken by the Thames Conservancy Inspectors.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The effluent from the sewage purification works are discharged into the Embrook, a small stream which is a tributary of the River Loddon. The Thames Conservancy Inspectors make routine inspections and no complaints were made throughout the period under review. The relationship between the Public Health Department and the Thames Conservancy has been very happy and conducive to building up a good team spirit in watching over this important aspect of health work.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No noteworthy change has occurred during the year and the number of earth closets is still relatively high. With the gradual extension of sewer and water services and the implementing of tentative proposals in this connection, the bulk of this problem, which is partly inherited from long past unrestricted development, will disappear. Each successive year has brought about some improvement, but only large capital expenditure can meet the situation and the Council are pursuing a policy within the economic bounds at their disposal which will eventually provide modern sanitation within every home in the Borough.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

WET SCAVENGING.

The improvement in the number of cesspools which require emptying is noticeable over the years, in the table enumerated below. Proposals for a sewer extension which are being actively pursued, will substantially reduce the number.

<i>Year.</i>								<i>Cesspools in Use.</i>
1930	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	645
1935	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	253
1940	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	196
1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144
1947	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105

The Council's ehxauster is employed daily and no charge is made where no public sewer is available.

Figures for 1947 are :

Number of cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	...	637
Quantity removed	...	...	...	...	...	684,550 gallons

(An average of 1,074 gallons per cesspool.)

DRY SCAVENGING.

House Refuse is collected weekly from all properties in the Borough by means of a covered S.D. motor freighter. The method of disposal is by controlled tipping at Molly Millar's Lane and no nuisance was caused throughout the year. The rodent control staff treated the tip regularly and consequently the site was kept relatively free from infestation.

Salvage of refuse was continued and all recoverable material sold.

The figures for Refuse collection are :

Number of loads collected	...	...	...	...	1,221
Cubic yards collected	...	...	...	...	8,547
Cost of collection	...	...	...	...	£2,020 0s. 7d.
Cost per cubic yard	...	...	...	...	4s. 8d.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

The following statement shows the number and nature of the inspections carried out during the year, with the results of such inspections.

DETAILS OF INSPECTION.

Housing	394
Factory Act	17
Food and Drugs	88
Cesspools	6
Cellars	5
Defective W.C.'s and Sinks	49
Rats	60
Drains	97
Pigs	3
Cafe	4
Disinfection	19
Schools	11
Shops	4
Camping Sites	7
House Allocations	57
Licensed Premises	9
Dairy	9
Grates	7
Redecorations	21
Ice Cream	17
Refuse	2
Cinemas	2
Defective Boilers	4
Defective Chimneys	4
Water	10
Bathing Pool	47
Building Licences	149
Infectious Diseases	3
Miscellaneous Nuisances	12

There were 141 complaints received and the appropriate action was taken in each case.

Number of informal notices served	99
Number of Statutory Notices served	1
Number of Prosecutions	1

RAINFALL AT WOKINGHAM, 1947.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Depth in inches</i>	<i>Greatest fall in 24 hours Depth in inches</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>No. of days with</i>	
				<i>.01 or more ins.</i>	<i>.04 or more ins.</i>
January ...	1.49	.25	8th	15	10
February...	.95	.38	8th	8	6
March ...	3.86	.70	12th	21	20
April ...	1.53	.32	5th	11	8
May ...	1.27	.30	2nd	11	10
June ...	1.72	.58	14th	14	12
July ...	1.36	.52	16th	10	6
August ...	.25	.05	1st	2	2
September	1.07	.35	20th	7	4
October ...	.29	.28	22nd	2	1
November	1.00	.26	9th	9	7
December	1.94	.35	4th	13	9
	16.73			123	95

COMPARABLE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Total Rainfall in inches.</i>		<i>Number of days with .01" or more.</i>	
1946 ...	28.94	...	152	...
1945 ...	19.77	...	128	...
1944 ...	19.98	...	136	...
1943 ...	20.20	...	124	...
1942 ...	21.81	...	124	...
Average for 47 years ...	25.27	...	167	...

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Four inspections under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934, were carried out during the year.

CAMPING SITES.

There are no licensed camping sites within the Borough. Two sites at Stanley Road which are used by showmen during the winter months have been dealt with in previous Reports. Proceedings were taken for the removal of a caravan from an unauthorised site and the Court found in favour of the Council.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

The Council purchased Martin's Swimming Pool, which was formerly privately owned. These outdoor baths, which consist of a large pool and a separate children's pool, are of exceptional artistic merit, and are further enhanced by the beautifully laid out grounds and flower gardens, a combination which is a feature of the Town. The water of both Pools is purified by pressure filtration and chlorinated by a chlorinometer of the latest design which was installed by the Council after the purchase of the Pool. By arrangement with the Education Authority, parties of school children from schools within the Borough and the surrounding area are brought daily for swimming lessons during the bathing season.

DISINFESTATION.

Occupiers of vermin infested premises are encouraged to avail themselves of the help derived from D.D.T. disinfestation. All new Council houses are sprayed with D.D.T. to minimise the risk of importing bed bugs from infested property. This is also done on any change of tenancy for all Council owned houses.

SCHOOLS.

The modernisation of school sanitary arrangements was taken up with the County Education Authority and improvements in the elementary schools were carried out.

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

The main burden of this lies with old properties which are still required to provide shelter and the repairs effected as a result of the action taken by the Department is a noteworthy feature of the year's work.

HOUSING.

Considerable progress was achieved in the provision of new houses for overcrowded and badly housed families living in the Borough. In addition to the houses erected the previous year, a further 6 temporary aluminium bungalows were erected at Cross Street and a start made with the building of 24 permanent houses at Embrook and 38 houses at Norreys Barn Estate. Of the houses being built at Embrook, 10 bungalows are included for housing the aged and infirm. The site at Waterloo Road where 50 Orlit houses are to be erected, was cleared and roads and other services laid down.

In addition, to the above 9 houses were built by private enterprise.
Number of houses erected during the year 1947 :

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	...	6
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts—		
(2) By the Local Authority	... ..	6
(2) By other bodies or persons	... ..	9

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	165
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	394
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	<i>Nil</i>
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	<i>Nil</i>
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	165

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ...	72
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :* 1 Notice Served.4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding :* *No action.*

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops is shown in the following tabular statement.

Number on Register :

Wholesale Producers	8
Retail Producers	4
Retail Purveyors	10

<i>Tuberculin</i>	<i>Pasteu-</i>
<i>Tested.</i>	<i>rised.</i>

No. of Producers licensed	2	—	—
„ „ Retailers	8	—	2
„ „ Registered Dairy Farms ... ..	...	...	12

Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :

Discovered	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	<i>Nil</i>

Contraventions of Public Health Acts :

Discovered	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	<i>Nil</i>

Number of Inspections	9
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MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

All meat was supplied through the Ministry of Food Regional Establishment at Reading.

The following foods were condemned as being unfit for human consumption :

Beef	...	...	339 lbs.	Meat	...	...	61 tins
Liver	...	...	21½lbs.	Milk	...	...	156 tins
Corned Beef	...	...	255 lbs.	Jam	...	...	71 tins
Fish ...	...	...	1,134 lbs.	Plums	...	...	5 tins
Sausage Meat	...	...	28½lbs.	Beans	...	...	23 tins
Cheese	...	...	10½lbs.	Fish	...	...	641 tins
Bacon	...	...	7¾lbs.	Peas...	...	...	13 tins
Figs ...	...	...	56 lbs.	Soup	...	...	84 tins
Macaroni	...	...	28 lbs.	Tomatoes	...	...	7 tins
				Peaches	...	...	7 tins
<i>Total</i>	...	...	1,880¼lbs.	Hors-d'Ouvres	...	...	518 tins
				Apple Pudding	...	...	12 tins
				Miscellaneous foodstuffs	...	...	9 tins

BAKEHOUSES.

Periodic visits of inspection were carried out and in all cases the premises were found to be kept in a satisfactory condition.

RODENT CONTROL.

A survey of the whole area including sewers was undertaken in connection with the Block Control Method of extermination as laid down by the Ministry of Food. Numerous minor infestations were located and treated, but no major infestation had to be dealt with. Casual complaints have also been investigated and treated throughout the year.

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937)

I. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	30	17	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority...	2	—	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...		30	17	—	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness...	4	5	5	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) insufficient ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	10	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	12	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	60	6	6	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT.
OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for fail- ure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
TOTAL ...	70	—	—	—	—	—	—

Cookham

Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	24,901
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1947	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,701
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1948	...	...	...	...	...	...	£103,690
Produce of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£417

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of :

Population at middle of 1947	12,310
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BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	118	117
Illegitimate	7	7
Total	125	124

Live Birth Rate.
20.2.

<i>Still Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Letitimate	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	3	1

Still Birth Rate.
0.32.

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (all Causes).</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	137	68	69

Death Rate.
11.1

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	4	2	2

Infant Death Rate.
16.

Maternal Deaths.
Nil.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	1	2
Non-pulmonary	1	—

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	0.32
Pulmonary	0.24
Non-pulmonary	0.08

CAUSES OF DEATH IN COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1947.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
ALL CAUSES	68	69
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	2
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	—
8. Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9. Influenza	—	3
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	1
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F):...	—	—
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	3	2
15. Cancer of breast	—	2
16. Cancer of all other sites	8	6
17. Diabetes	—	1
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	3	7
19. Heart Disease	22	26
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	6	3
21. Bronchitis	1	3
22. Pneumonia	2	1
23. Other respiratory diseases	1	2
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	—
26. Appendicitis	—	—
27. Other digestive diseases	1	—
28. Nephritis	6	1
29. Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	—
31. Premature birth	—	—
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases ...	1	2
33. Suicide	—	—
34. Road traffic accident	2	1
35. Other violent causes	4	1
36. All other causes	6	5

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 93 children were immunised against Diphtheria. Previously, 1,809 children had received treatment, making a grand total of 1,902.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below :—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1947.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Diseases.</i>					<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	2	1	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	120	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	4	0	0
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	2	2	1
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	4	3	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	38	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1947.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years, 0- 1- 2- 3 -4 -5 -10- 15- 20- 35- 45- 65+</i>												
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Measles	2	5	14	15	12	52	15	1	4	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Polio-encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	6	5	5	2	3	17	-	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1943-1947.

<i>Disease.</i>	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	2	2	0	2	0
Dysentery	0	0	12	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0	1	0
Erysipelas	1	4	3	1	2
Malaria	0	1	0	0	0
Measles	145	11	206	23	120
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	5	6	3	2	4
Polio-encephalitis	0	0	0	0	1
Polio-myelitis	1	0	0	0	2
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	58	31	16	8	4
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	23	63	20	16	38

TUBERCULOSIS.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	F.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
25—35 „ ...	4	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
45—55 „ ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—
65 and over ...	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
<i>Totals</i>	8	2	4	2	2	2	1	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—*Nil.*

WATER SUPPLY.

The greater part of the Rural District is serviced by water mains. There remains only a few isolated dwelling houses with wells. These are sampled regularly. Ten bacteriological and two chemical analyses were made during the year, all of which, with the exception of 2 bacteriological were good. These were remedied by the provision of a piped supply.

At Bourne End River Area there are 21 temporary houses on pumps. In the Rural Districts proper, there are 12 dwelling houses on pumps.

WET SCAVENGING.

Cesspool emptying is carried out in the parishes of Bray, Bisham, Cookham and White Waltham, the average emptying per premises being once a month. Four cesspools emptiers—one of 1,000 gallons capacity and 3 of 750 gallons capacity—were employed. Arrears of emptying accumulated following the very wet season and this condition was aggravated by frost in late December. In general, emptying was only 14 days in arrears at December, 1947.

DRY SCAVENGING.

This service has again not been satisfactory. The labour available being 50% below that required.

Proposals are under consideration to provide additional labour and vehicles. Four machines, each manned by a minimum of one driver and two loaders, are required to give a reasonable service.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following is the Report of the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. F. K. Knowles) for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

“Oaklands,”

Bath Road,

Maidenhead.

(Tel. Maidenhead 252.)

To Dr. W. B. Moore,

Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

A total of 3,762 visits and inspections were carried out during the year and 276 complaints were received and investigated.

NOTICES AND LETTERS.

Informal	...	...	...	242	Notices complied with	...	210
Verbal	...	...	...	34	Prosecutions	...	Nil
Statutory	...	...	...	1			

Improvements completed, defects remedied and nuisances abated during the year total 260.

FACTORIES.

There are 44 Factories in the District. Sixty-two visits were paid during the year ; no informal notices were served.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

See sub-heading " Slaughter Houses " under paragraph on " Meat and other Foods."

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Thirty-five visits were paid to these premises and 2 reconstructions were carried out.

DRAINAGE.

Drainage systems to 25 premises were relaid, repaired or provided, after service of notice.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Five premises were found to be infested. In 5 cases disinfestation was carried out by this Council.

SHOP INSPECTIONS.

During the year, 52 visits were made to shops where food is prepared or sold, and a number of improvements and alterations effected.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SURVEYOR UNDER NEW STREETS AND BUILDING BYELAWS.

Plans presented for approval	133
Premises completed	16
Additions and alterations to existing premises completed	29
Notices served, Contraventions to Byelaws, etc.	5
Prosecutions	Nil

(Signed) F. K. KNOWLES,
Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor.

CAMPING SITES.

There are now 19 Camping Sites in the District which have been approved, subject to the conditions set out in the Report for 1939 at page 74.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

Four pools in this District provide for public bathing and swimming, the situation of these were enumerated and described in the Report for 1938 (page 130).

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	212
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	260
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ...	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	172

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ...	147
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :*

A. <i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 19 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936</i> ...	Nil
B. <i>Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936</i>	Nil
D. <i>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936</i> ...	Nil

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to milk supply is shown by the following tabular statement :

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register—

Wholesale Producers ...	75
Retail Producers ...	23
Retail Purveyors ...	32
Retail (Milk Shops, etc.) ...	5
Licences granted for the sale of Tuberculin Tested Milk ...	1
„ „ „ „ Pasteurised Milk ...	1
Dairy Farms licensed to produce Accredited Milk ...	28
„ „ „ „ Tuberculin Tested Milk ...	22

Total Number of Registered Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :								
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

By Government Order, all slaughter houses in the District have been closed down.

The bulk of meat allocated to the District is sent from Mr. Dudley Sims' slaughter house, Maidenhead, whose premises have been taken over by the Ministry of Food for centralized slaughtering.

Sixty visits were paid during the year to butchers' shops, and Central Slaughter House, Maidenhead.

Seventeen pigs were slaughtered and inspected at private houses and premises after the owners had produced a licence from the Food Control Office.

UN SOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned and surrendered, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption :

HomeKilled Beef	...	41 lbs.	Mixed Vegetables	...	1 tin
Imported Beef	...	61½lbs.	Roast Beef	...	1 tin
Imported Mutton	...	59 lbs.	Potatoes	...	2 tins
Imported Lamb	...	62 lbs.	Pears	...	12 tins
Corned Beef	...	36 tins	Plums	...	1 tin
Bacon	...	14 lbs.	Figs	...	31 lbs.
Herring Tidbits	...	97 tins	Potted Meat	...	24 jars
Smoked Herring	...	49 tins	Semolina	...	1 box
Vegetable Soup	...	75 tins	Barley Flakes	...	9 pkts.
Milk	...	34 tins	Self-Raising Flour	...	5 pkts.
Beans	...	13 tins	Mince Meat	...	1 jar
Peas	...	15 tins	Butter	...	2½lbs.
Beetroot	...	37 tins	Margarine	...	5 lbs.
Pilchards	...	2 tins	Prunes	...	7¾lbs.
Salmon	...	2 tins	Swiss Rolls	...	24
Jam	...	7 tins			
Stewed Steak	...	2 tins			

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT, (1937)

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	36	52	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority...	2	8	10	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...		44	62	—	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness...	4	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) insufficient ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	10	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	12	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	60	—	—	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for fail- ure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
TOTAL ...	70	—	—	—	—	—	—

Easthampstead Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	27,610
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1947	5,417
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1948	£155,864
Product of a Penny Rate	£635

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of :

Population at middle of 1947	21,040
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BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	199	169
Illegitimate	13	12
Total	212	181

Live Birth Rate.

18.7

<i>Still Births.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	2	3
Illegitimate	1	0
Total	3	3

Still Birth Rate.

0.28

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	233	119	114

Death Rate.

11.1

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	8	4	4

Infant Death Rate.

20

Maternal Deaths.

1

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	4	3
Non-pulmonary	0	2

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	0.43
Pulmonary	0.33
Non-pulmonary	0.09

CAUSES OF DEATH IN EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT, 1947.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females</i>
ALL CAUSES	119	114
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	4	3
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	2
8. Syphilitic diseases	2	1
9. Influenza	—	—
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	1	—
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F):...	2	1
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2	2
15. Cancer of breast	—	3
16. Cancer of all other sites	16	14
17. Diabetes	—	1
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	12	17
19. Heart Disease	27	30
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	5	6
21. Bronchitis	4	3
22. Pneumonia	4	—
23. Other respiratory diseases	1	1
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	—
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	—
26. Appendicitis	—	1
27. Other digestive diseases	4	2
28. Nephritis	3	—
29. Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	1
31. Premature birth	1	1
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	—	3
33. Suicide	3	—
34. Road traffic accident	2	1
35. Other violent causes	4	3
36. All other causes	21	18

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 163 children were immunised against Diphtheria. Previously 3,730 children had received treatment, making a grand total of 3,893.

The following tables give the chief statistics relating to the notifiable infectious diseases.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1947.

(other than Tuberculosis.) *Total* *Cases ad-* *Deaths of*
 cases *mitted to* *notified*
 notified. *Hospital.* *cases.*

<i>Disease.</i>													
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0	6	0					
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0					
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0					
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0					
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	0					
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	0					
Malaria	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0					
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	195	0	0					
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0					
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	7	0	0					
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	1					
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0					
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0					
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	12	8	0					
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0					
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	18	0	0					

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1947.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Measles	5	9	14	22	20	77	37	9	1	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	2	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	1	3	5	1	-	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	2	1	1	2	5	7	-	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS 1943-1947.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>1943. 1944. 1945. 1946. 1947.</i>				
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0	1	0	0
Dysentery	1	2	29	4	1
Diphtheria	2	2	3	2	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0	0	3
Erysipelas	4	2	2	1	4
Malaria	50	1	1	2	2
Measles	129	5	229	74	195
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	1	0	0	1
Pneumonia	25	22	19	23	7
Polio-myelitis	2	1	2	1	7
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	0	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	62	62	24	31	12
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	20	41	21	25	18

TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not, during the current year, are set out in the table below.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „ ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	7	4	—	1	—	—	—	1
25—35 „ ...	3	2	—	—	3	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
45—55 „ ...	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
55—65 „ ...	4	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over ...	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	1
<i>Totals ...</i>	20	9	—	2	5	4	—	2

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—2 out of 11=18.18%.

WATER SUPPLY.

Piped water is available to every Parish, and is supplied by the Mid-Wessex Water Company, Frimley Green, Aldershot (Parishes of Crowthorne, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Binfield and Warfield) and by the South-Western Suburban Water Company, The Causeway, Staines (Parish of Winkfield). Routine monthly samples are taken of the Mid-Wessex Water Company supply and submitted for Bacteriological and Modified Chemical (Hardness) analyses to the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

Routine quarterly samples of the South-West Suburban Water Company supply are taken in conjunction with Windsor R.D.C., Egham U.D.C., Feltham U.D.C., Bagshot R.D.C. and Hayes and Harlington U.D.C., and submitted to the Clinical Research Association Ltd., for Bacteriological and Chemical Analyses.

The District is well supplied with water, but periodically the returns show excessive hardness.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE.

Weekly collections of house refuse and salvage was maintained during the year. Labour difficulties showed no improvement and together with vehicle breakdowns, caused some temporary lapses in the regular collection routine.

The two Motor Freighters in use have been doing continuous service since 1939 and 1943 and are showing serious evidence of wear. It is anticipated that in the coming year delivery of an additional Refuse Freighter will allow for major overhauls of the vehicles now in use. With this new vehicle it is proposed to eventually arrange for a collection from within the premises of householders.

During the year the Salvage Depot was transferred from Bracknell Drainage Works to the Longhill Road Site within the Refuse Tip enclosure. The appointment of a Foreman to give close supervision of the controlled tipping and salvage depot has considerably improved matters, particularly with controlled tipping.

The amount of materials sold during 1947 is as follows :

				<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>			£	s.	d.
Paper	...	...	...	73	17	...	...	511	0	0
Textiles	...	...	...	6	5	...	...	58	0	0
Glassware	...	...	...	12	7	...	...	123	0	0

SANITARY INSPECTION.

SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE SANITARY INSPECTORS
DURING THE YEAR 1947.

District Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	170
Reinspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	152
Housing Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	151
Housing Reinspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92
Infected Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76
Housing Applications Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Slaughter Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Dairies and Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Meat and Food Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Market Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Drains Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Verminous Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Visits on Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	180
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Inspections during construction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	174
Water Samples	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Milk Samples	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Ice Cream Samples and Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Refuse Tip	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	208

HOUSING ALLOCATION.

The administration and allocation of Council Houses and temporary housing accommodation is delegated by the Council to the Health Department. This takes up a considerable amount of time of the clerical staff and sanitary officers in administering the "points" scheme in use and general interviewing and visiting the considerable number of applicants.

It has been possible, however, to maintain on reasonably good terms with the general public despite the shortage of housing accommodation, and the impossibility of satisfying the demand at this stage. This work, however, will tend to take an increasingly amount of time and effort in the Department, and further consideration of these duties and staff will have to be made should there be any immediate development of the proposed New Town.

FOOD INSPECTION.

There is no Government controlled slaughter-house in the District. Meat supplies under Ministry of Food rationing came through the Wholesale Meat Suppliers Association, Reading. Home-killed meat is killed and inspected at the Public Abbatoir, Reading, and the Government controlled Slaughter House, Windsor. Emergency killing done in Easthampstead Rural District is inspected by the Sanitary Inspectors. Meat delivered to local butchers is inspected on request.

Considerable time is devoted to inspections at the request of the Ministry of Food and local shoopkeepers, of tinned and dry goods, etc., either in Ministry of Food Buffer Depots or in shops. The following is a table of unsound food seized during the above inspections :

Fresh Fish	...	...	130 st.	Cheese	...	...	36 lbs.
Vegetables	...	...	96 tins	Jam, etc.	...	...	22 lbs.
Fish (tinned)	...	...	30 tins	Milk	...	...	393 tins
Meat Products	...	...	63 tins	Sausages	...	...	14 tins
Soup...	...	...	28 tins	Eggs	...	...	8 doz.
Mincemeat	...	...	2 tins	Macaroni	...	...	1 tin
Fruit	...	...	40 tins				

Imported Meat.

Corned Beef	...	...	37 tins
Corned Mutton	...	...	4 tins
Bacon	...	...	25 lbs.
Boneless Beef	...	...	88½lbs.

Home Killed.

Beef	...	...	...	620 lbs.
Liver (bovine)	...	...	...	15 lbs.

.COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

It has been found possible to carry out an increased amount of supervision over milk production in the District and although shortage of labour and materials render the carrying out of structural improvements difficult, some structural improvements have been put in hand on the premises of three milk producers. The number of producers and dairy-men is shown below :

(1) Producers (Farm)	...	...	...	...	...	...	80
(2) Retailers	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
(3) Accredited Producers (included in (1) above)	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
(4) Tuberculin Tested Producers (included in (1) above)	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
(5) Tuberculin Tested Bottling Licences	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
(6) Pasteurised Supplementary Licences	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

MILK PROCESSING PLANT.

During the year work was completed on a large Dairy owned by Messrs. W. Clifford & Sons, Hounslow, who operate the majority of the retail distribution of milk in this district. The premises comprise a large steel frame building equipped with the latest type of Aluminium Plant & Vessel Company's high temperature short time pasteurising plant, with fully electrical and thermostatically controlled operation gear. In addition, there are two fully mechanical bottle washing machines and a large mechanical steam steriliser for washing and sterilising milk churns. There is also a small laboratory with a bacteriologist in charge for regular sampling of both raw milks and the pasteurised milks. The pasteurising plant has a capacity of two thousand gallons per hour and provision is made for doubling this capacity. The pasteurised milk is fed by gravity to two large bottling machines which are provided with mechanical capping gear, the caps being punched direct from strip metal. This plant was inspected in detail in October, 1947, and shortly afterwards came into full use. The aim of the Dairymen is to use this plant entirely for Tuberculin-Tested Pasteurised Milk. Regular inspections are made at this plant and routine samples of pasteurised milk taken either at the plant before bottling or of the bottled milk taken from roundsmen in the district.

RODENT CONTROL.

By direction of the Ministry of Food in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Agriculture and Fisheries, Local Authorities were required to undertake a drive for the extermination of rats and mice from the "built-up" areas in their Districts. The same work for agricultural lands and premises being the duty of the War Agricultural Executive Committees.

Easthampstead Rural District and Windsor Rural District were made a "workable area" for this service and for that purpose appointed Mr. A. E. Day as Rodent Officer. Mr. Day allots his time by working two weeks in Easthampstead Rural District and one week in Windsor Rural District alternately. During the year Mr. Day has carried out his duties very tactfully and conscientiously with good results. The following is a summary of his work during the year for Easthampstead Rural District :

Premises visited <i>re</i> complaints	...	...	...	...	...	153
Premises visited <i>re</i> Survey	...	...	...	...	...	249
Premises now considered free from infestations	...	...	...	...	...	143

Infestations transferred to B.W.A.E.C.	...	...	...	...	—
Visits made for disinfestations	...	...	...	...	941
Premises re-inspected after disinfestation	...	...	...	...	211
Verified catches of rats and mice	...	...	...	...	1,261
Premises considered clear	...	...	...	...	143

The methods used are poison baits, poison gas, trapping, ferrets and snares.

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937)

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be en- forced by Local Authorities ...	1	9	38	—	—
(ii) Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority...	2	71	221	15	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' permises)	3	4	17	—	—
TOTAL ...		84	276	15	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness...	4	4	4	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temper- ature ...	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) insufficient ...	9	9	9	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	10	2	2	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not in- cluding offences re- lating to Homework)	12	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	60	15	15	—	1	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (4)	No. of prosecu- tions for fail- ure to supply lists (5)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (6)	Notices served (7)	Prose- cutions (8)
Wearing apparel: Making, etc.	13	3	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	70	3	—	—	—	—	—

Windsor Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	8,665
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1947	2,806
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1948	£133,052
Produce of a Penny Rate	£566 12s. 3d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of :

Population at middle of 1947	10,790
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BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate						118	92
Illegitimate						6	8
Total						124	100

Live Birth Rate.

20.8

Still Births.

						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate						3	—
Illegitimate						—	—
Total						3	—

Still Birth Rate.

0.28

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	149	86	63

Death Rate.

13.8

	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
<i>Infant Deaths.</i>	6	4	2

Infant Death Rate.

27

Maternal Deaths.

Nil.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	2	0
Non-pulmonary	0	1

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	0.27
Pulmonary	0.18
Non-pulmonary	0.09

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WINDSOR RURAL DISTRICT, 1947.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females</i>
ALL CAUSES	86	63
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	2	—
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	1
8. Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9. Influenza	—	1
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F) ...	—	—
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	—	2
15. Cancer of breast	—	3
16. Cancer of all other sites	14	4
17. Diabetes	1	1
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	11	9
19. Heart Disease	27	26
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	2	—
21. Bronchitis	4	2
22. Pneumonia	2	4
23. Other respiratory diseases	3	—
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	—
26. Appendicitis	—	—
27. Other digestive diseases	—	3
28. Nephritis	2	—
29. Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	—
31. Premature birth	—	—
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases ...	5	—
33. Suicide	—	—
34. Road traffic accident	—	—
35. Other violent causes	2	1
36. All other causes	11	6

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 77 children were immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children who had previously received treatment was 1,865, which makes a grant total of 1,942.

The following tables give the main statistical features of the cases occurring in this District during the year 1947.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1947.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>						<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	0
Encephalitis Lethergica	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	26	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	1
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	15	9	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	11	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1947.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	35-	45-	65+
Diphtheria	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	-	3	5	3	6	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	6	6	1	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	1	1	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1943-1947.

<i>Disease.</i>				1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Cerebro-sipnal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	1	2	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	4	3	1	4	7
Dysentery	...	...	...	14	3	99	0	8
Encephalitis Lethargica		...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	0	0	0	1	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1	2	2	2	1
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	0	1	0
Measles	...	...	...	232	50	46	95	26
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		...	...	2	2	1	2	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	6	5	4	9	8
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	0	1	0	0	5
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Pperueral Pyrexia	...	...	...	5	2	4	1	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	56	34	23	9	15
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	52	20	7	11	11

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patients to institutions). These powers are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following table gives the required particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from all forms of that disease during 1947.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 „ ...	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
45—55 „ ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 „...„ ...	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	8	3	—	—	3	—	—	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—1 out of 4=25%.

WATER SUPPLY.

A description of the Water Supply in this District has been referred to at length in previous reports. With isolated exceptions, the whole of the inhabited houses have a piped internal supply, derived from the mains of the South-West Suburban Water Company. Part of the District is supplied direct from the main reservoirs at Staines and part from a storage reservoir at Sunninghill. The water is chlorinated and filtered through sand prior to distribution. An arrangement instituted in 1938 between six neighbouring Authorities provides for monthly samples to be submitted for chemical and bacteriological analysis, the results of which are circulated to each of the Authorities concerned. Twenty-four such samples were taken in 1947, and in every case the results were satisfactory. Additionally, in this District, two check samples were taken following severe flooding in the Parish of Old Windsor, and two samples were taken at requisitioned premises where the supply was from storage tanks. No adverse reports were received. Four premises in the Parish of Sunninghill derive their supplies from wells ; likewise the riverside weekend bungalows on Friary Island in the Thames. Samples taken in in previous years have revealed a satisfactory degree of purity.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The drainage and sewerage of this District has been fully described in previous reports under this heading and need not be repeated.

In 1946, the Ministry of Health held a Public Enquiry into the question of providing sewers in the Parish of Old Windsor, which is entirely without main drainage. The Ministry were satisfied as to the need for a Sewerage System and plans for this have reached to "invitation to tender" stage. At present two 750 gallon and one 1,000 gallon cesspool emptiers are now employed in this Parish, and these machines operate, as necessary, to deal with the few properties in Sunninghill which are drained to cesspools.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

As mentioned in previous Reports, Wet Scavenging, *i.e.*, emptying of cesspools is still carried out in the Parishes of Sunninghill and Sunningdale at the 18 houses which have not yet been connected to the public sewer. There are, in addition, a number of premises in adjacent areas contiguous to the boundaries of this District, which are given service if local calls permit.

Dry Scavenging, *i.e.*, the removal of house refuse, is carried out in all three Parishes and a separate salvage collection is made in Sunninghill and Sunningdale Parishes. A weekly collection of refuse is carried out in the two latter Parishes and a ten-day service operates in Old Windsor.

One new 10 cubic yard Refuse Collection Vehicle was purchased during the year under review, and one 7 cubic yard vehicle thoroughly overhauled. Concrete wheel runs were laid on the approach road to the Refuse Tip, where controlled tipping continues to be practised. Appropriate action is taken to clear up and discharge the creation of "unofficial dumps" by persons unknown—a practice which seems to have increased during the post-war years.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The Report of Mr. W. H. Rowsell, Sanitary Inspector for this District, for the year ended 31st December, 1947, is reproduced below.

To Dr. W. B. Moore,
Medical Officer of Health.

Council Offices,
Bowden Road, Sunninghill.
(Tel. Ascot 893.)

Dear Sir,

I submit hereunder a brief account of the Public Health work carried out in the Windsor Rural District during 1947.

"Housing" has continued to be the principal activity under three headings—"New," "Conversions" and "Adaptations"—and further references are made under appropriate headings elsewhere in the Report.

The Department has been responsible to the appropriate Committee of the Council for all matters relative to the selection of tenants for "new" and "converted" premises. The Register of applicants at the end of the year contained 748 names. Every case is inspected before submission to the Committee. During 1947, 74 families were re-housed from premises which were overcrowded (on either bedroom or Housing Act standard) or "sub-standard." Special attention is also paid to cases under Court Order to quit.

Since the conclusion of hostilities, the whole Council's existing Housing Schemes have been decorated externally and 95% redecorated internally by the end of the year under review. Eighty-eight dwellings are involved.

Inspections and Notices relative to "private" Housing are referred to in appropriate paragraphs.

Under Civil Building Control, 497 Licences were issued covering works estimated to cost £50,072. The work entailed under this heading, both clerical and technical, constitutes a heavy burden on local administration, and this, at long last, appears to be recognised by Central Government.

Water Supplies and Refuse and Sewage Disposal are separately referred to in the text of the Report. All Water Samples have proved satisfactory and the District has a piped internal supply in all Parishes.

Milk Supplies have been sampled—a total of 28 being taken during the year for Bacteriological examination, and while isolated bad results have been obtained, the general standard of purity, as judged by the Methylin Blue Test, remain satisfactory. A large proportion of supplies in this District are delivered by one Company and comprise Pasteurised milk.

There is no Ice-cream manufactured within the District, but during the year 4 samples of this commodity were submitted for bacteriological examination.

The District is essentially residential and Factories and Workshops are confined to the smaller type, not infrequently associated with the owner's dwelling place. The same applies to shop premises with the addition of three Multiple Stores. The health, cleanliness and sanitary accommodation requirements of the Factory and Shops Acts, are satisfactorily complied with.

While no major infestation exists in the District, good work has been done during the year by the Council's part-time Rodent Operator, who has furnished a statistical report, quoted separately in this Report. Two hundred and four premises were baited and treated with gas and traps

and the Council's Refuse Tip received systematic attention.

I have again to record my sincere appreciation of the loyal and efficient support of my colleagues and of another year's service under your own most helpful leadership.

(Signed) W. H. ROWSELL,
Building Inspector.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS in connection with :

Dwelling houses (Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	...	239
Drainage work	...	...	20
Infectious disease	...	...	41
Cowsheds and dairies	...	...	22
Factories and workshops	...	...	8
Shop premises	...	...	30
Food stores (others)	...	...	16
Tents, vans, sheds, etc....	...	...	62
Water courses	...	...	4
Water supply	...	...	7
Council houses	...	...	147
Food sampling	...	...	32

NOTICES.

Seventy-five Informal Notices, including Verbal Notices, were given during the year, and two Notices were served under Statute. The latter were not complied with by the end of the year and the work has since been done in default.

BUILDING SURVEYOR'S REPORT, 1947.

The following is a summary of Building activities, etc., during the year ended 31st December, 1947 :

Plans deposited during 1947 :

	<i>Approved.</i>	<i>Rejected.</i>
New buildings	46	4
Alterations and additions	34	2
Change of user	4	0
Drainage	5	0
Lay-out	3	1
Inspections made	81	0

It will be seen that, in spite of Licensing, considerable progress was maintained in private building work of various kinds during 1947, and, as stated elsewhere in the Report, 497 Licences were issued for works estimated to cost £50,072. In 90% of these cases, the proposed work is

inspected before Licences are issued, in addition to inspections made as the work proceeds.

The foregoing applies to private enterprise building work. Regarding the Council's own Housing work, by the end of the year under review, the Council were responsible for 261 dwellings in the form of pre-war and post-war permanent houses, converted requisitioned properties and temporary hutments. Thirty-two post-war houses have been completed and occupied by December, 1947, and 24 more were actually under construction. Site works (roads and sewers) for a further scheme of 42 houses were completed during the year, and a substantial start was made on a third scheme for 16 houses at Old Windsor.

RE-HOUSING.

The general procedure for dealing with requisitioned and other temporary housing, referred to in the 1946 Report, was vigorously pursued during 1947. During that year the Council substantially completed the conversion of 15 Army huts at the Grange, Ascot, to house 32 families, and took over from the Ministry of Works 64 dismantled ex-Army huts and 5 Nissen huts *in situ*, at Sunninghill Park. A local labour scheme was organised to embrace ten local Building Contractors, 46 hutments were removed to a "permanent" site nearby, and erection and conversion began by the year's end with the ultimate aim of housing 79 family units. Conversion of the 5 Nissen huts to house a further 14 family units was also begun, and 5 families were in occupation by the end of the year. All "temporary housing" is handled by the Council's technical staff, without architectural assistance, and, in addition to considerable work in the office, 278 visits were made to the sites and properties involved.

The number of families actually rehoused (by all means) during 1947 totalled 74 and in this connection, 250 "enquiry inspections" were made, on which reports to the Housing Committee were based.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

The reference under this heading, on page 56 in the 1945 Report, still holds good. The storage and disposal of trade refuse is a matter which has received considerable attention and an effort is made to accommodate traders in the matter of disposal at the Council's refuse tip. In many cases it seems mutually helpful for the traders to do their own cartage in this connection, provided they can arrange this during the normal working hours of the Council's manual staff.

CAMPING SITES.

There are two licensed sites in the District to accommodate 12 and 3 dwellings respectively. Main water supply is laid on to a stand pipe, and during 1947 a second water closet was added to the sanitary accommodation. The sites are in adjacent fields. During the year also, each of the dwellings was inspected and, where these were rented, roof and other repairs were called for as necessary. The general standard of cleanliness was found to be high. In two cases, the occupants were successful applicants for re-housing.

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

The major problem under the above heading, i.e., Scavenging at Friary Island and the sewerage of the Parish of Old Windsor, are still outstanding, although, as stated elsewhere in the Report, the latter question has now been settled in principle by Ministry of Health approval to a Sewerage Scheme following a Public Enquiry held during the year under review.

The question of Friary Island is still one unlikely of settlement except within the scope of boundary changes, although provisional arrangements with the neighbouring Authority for the clearing of dry refuse and emptying of cesspools at some of the premises is proving satisfactory as a temporary measure.

HOUSING.

The following is a statement of the Sanitary Inspector under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the past year :

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :*
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 82
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 239
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... 26
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 61
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... Nil
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 82
2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authorities or their officers ... 59

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :*A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

- | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices : | | | | | | |
| (a) By Owners | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts* ... NilC. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

- | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

- | | |
|--|----|
| (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | 11 |
| (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases | 46 |

One agricultural cottage, the subject of a certificate (under Order in Council dated July 2nd, 1940) allowing its use as a dwelling, as a war-time measure, continues to be occupied.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

During the year under review, meat for this District has been supplied from animals slaughtered at the Government Slaughter House at Windsor, which means that none of the five slaughter houses in the District have been in use, apart from occasional killing by cottagers and others, under the Ministry of Food self-supply Meat Scheme.

The following articles have been examined and voluntarily surrendered and disposed of as being unfit for human food, in all possible cases the foods are used for animal feeding stuffs :

<i>Canned Products.</i>				<i>Fresh Products.</i>			
Milk	...	...	122 tins	Meat	...	...	353 lbs.
Beans	...	...	30 tins	Fish	...	...	1061 lbs.
Meat	...	...	52 tins	Bread	...	...	112 lbs.
Jam	...	...	21 tins				
Fish	...	...	251 tins				
Fruit	...	...	27 tins				
Miscellaneous	...	...	71 tins				
				<i>Dried Products.</i>			
				Sugar	...	...	28 lbs.
				Prunes	...	...	20 lbs.

RODENT CONTROL.

Premises visited <i>re</i> complaints	...	...	...	...	...	82
Premises visited <i>re</i> survey (after complaints)	...	...	...	...	...	204
Premises re-visited	...	...	...	...	...	111
Premises found not infested	...	...	...	...	...	38
Number of visits made for destruction	...	...	...	...	...	551
Rats accounted for	...	...	...	...	...	381
Mice accounted for	...	...	...	...	...	196
Estimated destruction by poison gas	...	...	...	...	...	600
Premises considered clear	...	...	...	...	...	78

The methods used are poison gas, poison baits and traps.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Destruction of hornet's nests	...	...	...	...	...	2
Destruction of wasps' nests	...	...	...	...	...	72
Fumigation for bugs and fleas	...	...	...	...	...	14
Disinfection after infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	...	11

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937)

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be en- forced by Local Authorities ...	1	21	8	2	—
(ii) Factories not in- cluded in (i) to which Section 7 applies ...					
(a) Subject to the Local Authori- ties (Transfer of Enforcement Order, 1938	2	—	—	—	—
(b) Others ...	3	—	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises un- der the Act (exclud- ing out-workers' permises) ...	4	2	—	—	—
TOTAL ...		23	8	2	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness...	5	5	5	—	1	—
Overcrowding ...	6	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temper- ature ...	7	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	8	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) insufficient ...	10	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	11	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	12	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not in- cluding offences re- lating to Homework)	13	1	1	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	60	7	7	—	1	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (4)	No. of prosecu- tions for fail- ure to supply lists (5)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (6)	Notices served (7)	Prose- cutions (8)
Wearing apparel: Making, etc.	14	2	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	70	2	—	—	—	—	—

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	40,828
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1947	9,124
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1948	£297,681
Produce of a Penny Rate	£1,194

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of:

Population at middle of 1947	33,480
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BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	310	323
Illegitimate	18	17
Total	328	340

Live Birth Rate.
19.95

<i>Still Births.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	11	6
Illegitimate	—	2
Total	11	8

Still Birth Rate.
0.57

DEATHS.

Deaths (all Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
360	172	188

Death Rate.
10.7

Infant Deaths.

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
25	15	10

Infant Death Rate.
37

Maternal Deaths.
Nil.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	2	7
Non-pulmonary	1	1

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	0.32
Pulmonary	0.26
Non-pulmonary	0.05

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1947.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males.	Females
ALL CAUSES	172	188
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	4
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	2	7
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	1
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	—
8. Syphilitic diseases	3	3
9. Influenza	—	—
10. Measles	1	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	1	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	2
13. Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F) ...	3	6
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	1	8
15. Cancer of breast	19	15
16. Cancer of all other sites	1	4
17. Diabetes	15	25
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	51	45
19. Heart Disease	5	8
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	8	11
21. Bronchitis	10	3
22. Pneumonia	3	2
23. Other respiratory diseases	3	—
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	—
26. Appendicitis	1	3
27. Other digestive diseases	6	11
28. Nephritis	—	—
29. Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	4	3
31. Premature birth	5	4
32. Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases ...	3	—
33. Suicide	3	—
34. Road traffic accident	3	3
35. Other violent causes	19	20
36. All other causes	—	—

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 325 children were immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children who had previously received treatment was 4,813, making a grand total of 5,138.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	2	1	0
Diphtheria	3	2	1
Dysentery	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	1	1	0
Erysipelas	5	0	0
Malaria	1	0	0
Measles	197	1	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	0	0
Pneumonia	18	0	0
Polio-myelitis	4	3	1
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	0	0
Scarlet Fever	19	11	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	132	3	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1947.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
Enteric Fever	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
Malaria	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	...	6	7	24	17	29	90	12	3	9	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	...	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	2	5	7
Polio-myelitis	...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	...	-	-	-	1	2	11	2	1	1	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	...	11	17	19	20	19	41	4	-	-	-	-	1

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1943-1947.

<i>Disease.</i>				1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	2	1	2	0	2
Diphtheria	...	...	...	12	17	9	6	3
Dysentery	...	...	...	0	0	3	5	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)				0	1	3	0	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	5	10	11	7	5
Malaria	...	...	...	0	2	1	0	1
Measles	...	...	...	408	15	442	17	187
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	0	1	0	2	4
Pneumonia	...	...	...	27	26	18	23	18
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	0	2	0	0	4
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	2	2	3	1	2
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	134	104	34	22	19
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	43	70	23	95	132

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment), or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution), now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease whether the cases have been notified or not during the current year are set out in the table below.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1— 5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „ ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	3	8	1	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 „ ...	3	7	—	—	1	4	—	—
35—45 „ ...	6	2	—	1	—	1	—	—
45—55 „ ...	5	3	—	—	1	2	—	—
55—65 „ ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
<i>Totals ...</i> ...	19	22	1	1	2	7	1	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—3 out of 11=27.27%.

WATER SUPPLY.

COUNCIL'S AREA OF SUPPLY.

The year has been marked by increasing difficulties with regard to labour and materials. Little or no unskilled labour is available and rates of pay are not sufficient to attract what little labour there is. The output of successive batches of Prisoners of War steadily deteriorates. Delivery periods for all sorts of commodities extends and lengthens from months to years.

The first scheme of main extensions is 85% completed, the remainder, Waltham Road, Hurst, is deferred because of more urgent works elsewhere. Ministry of Health approval to the second scheme has been received and the work is being put in hand. This comprises 9,360 yards in the parishes of Woodley, Winnersh, Newlands, Arborfield and Barkham. A further scheme will be prepared and submitted during next year.

The most notable achievement, however, has been the laying of the mains and the giving of a low pressure supply to the Farley Hill area. Due to delay in sanction from the Ministry of Health to the reinforced concrete water tower, improvisation has been necessary and a small elevated tank 22 feet high has been erected to make a supply possible.

Authority to proceed with the construction of the water tower, which is to be of 25,000 gallons capacity, has now been received and instructions to the Contractor to commence work have been given.

The scheme for a 14 inch pumping main to Bowsey Hill Reservoir, Wargrave, is ready for submission to the Ministry of Health, but due to the shortage of unskilled labour, the Government Priority Organisation has not accorded any starting date to the new one-and-a-third million gallon reservoir which is urgently required to safeguard continuity of supply.

The annual amount of the water supplied and pumped was 382,235,000 gallons. 7.284 miles of new mains were laid, bringing the total mileage now in use to approximately 119.846, and 239 new connections to houses were made.

MID-WESSEX WATER COMPANY'S AREA OF SUPPLY.

As mentioned in my Report for the year ending December, 1946, this Water Company by agreement with the Council, extended their mains in the undermentioned roads, thus making a main-water supply available for the number of properties shown against the roads. Some occupiers have taken advantage of this service by connecting their properties thereto ; some have given Builders instructions to carry out the necessary work and are awaiting delivery of water pipes, whilst others have so far taken no action.

Nine Mile Ride, Finchampstead	...	...	to serve 40 properties.
Warren Lane, Finchampstead	...	...	„ „ 11 „
Portion of Commonfield Lane, Finchampstead	„	„	9 „
Dell Lane, Finchampstead	...	...	„ „ 19 „
Kiln Ride, Wokingham Without	...	...	„ „ 45 „
Tintagel Road, Wokingham Without	...	„	„ 5 „
Portion of Finchampstead Road, Wokingham			
Without	...	...	„ „ 8 „
Barkham Ride, Wokingham Without	...	„	„ 18 „

This Water Company have also been instructed to lay new mains in Hollybush Ride, Barkham Ride (Finchampstead), and Pine Drive, and to extend their main in a portion of Park Lane, Finchampstead. This work should be completed before the summer of 1948.

No Overground Supply Pipes are now in use. Where there is an acute shortage of water and there is no main supply available, the Council are carting water to static tanks.

STATISTICS RELATING TO WATER SUPPLIES IN THE DISTRICT.

	No. of <i>Dwelling Houses.</i>	No. on <i>R.D.C. Water Supply.</i>	No. on other <i>Main Companies Main Water Supplies.</i>	No. not <i>on Main Water.</i>
Arborfield and Newland	237	139		98
Barkham	196	145		51
Earley	1,394	807	548 Reading Borough Waterworks.	39
Finchampstead ...	573	4	408 Mid-Wessex Water Co.	161
Remenham	137	29	58 Henley Water Co.	50
Ruscombe	153	117		36
St. Nicholas Hurst ...	343	226		117
Shinfield	956	854		102
Sonning	293	260		33
Swallowfield	464	290		174
Twyford	451	417		34
Wargrave	768	679		89
Winnersh	615	514		101
Wokingham Without...	801	4	694 Mid-Wessex Water Co.	103
Woodley & Sandford...	1,743	1,525		218
	9,124	6,010	1,708	1,406

* Includes approximately 180/200 houses with standpipe supply available. The number of houses include 25 hutments at Arborfield and 31 at Wargrave.

The following bacteriological examinations of water supplied by the Council's Undertaking were made during the year ended 31st March, 1948 :

(1) Raw water—96 tests : 85 Satisfactory.

2 Passable.

9 Unsatisfactory.

(2) Treated water—95 tests : 93 Satisfactory.

1 Passable.

1 Unsatisfactory.

During the year 241 new connections were made and approximately 8 miles of 8, 6, 4 and 3 inch mains were laid in various parts of the District.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The main drainage scheme for the Erleigh Court and Sonning area has been subject to delays due to present conditions. The sewage works at Sonning are now well advanced, and it is hoped that better progress will prove possible with the sewers next year. Government consent to proceed with further portions of the main drainage schemes has not been forthcoming, and it is not possible to make any forecast as to future progress with the schemes.

Some useful small works have been executed by direct labour, particularly designed to relieve necessity for the attendance of cesspool emptiers. These include the provision of two small automatic electric pumps to discharge tank effluent from combined drainage schemes to irrigation areas. The sewerage of Braybrooke Road is now to include also Sheep-lands Farm and Ministry of Health sanction to the lowest tender is expected shortly.

During the year, three sewers and sewage disposal works in connection with housing sites have been put in hand, two of these are substantially complete, whilst the works for the third scheme is almost ready.

WET SCAVENGING.

Exceptionally severe weather at the beginning of the year caused grave difficulties, and the cesspool emptying service was then unable to keep pace with demands and the waiting list reached record figures. The position now is so much improved as to be fairly satisfactory. An extension of the wet scavenging area to include Spencers Wood, Swallowfield, has been made.

Two new cesspool emptiers have been delivered and one old machine was sold. Opportunity was also taken this year to inaugurate better arrangements for dealing with cesspool emptying applications. The arrangements enable priority to be automatically given to cesspools longest in time since the last emptying irrespective of the date of application. It is satisfactory that both the waiting list and complaints of inequable treatment are much reduced.

The number of cesspools emptied during the year amounted to 14,410.

DRY SCAVENGING AND SALVAGE.

During the last year the refuse and salvage collections have been maintained to schedule. The fortnightly collection has been increased to a weekly one in the parishes of Earley, Woodley, Sonning, Twyford, and the urban parts of Wargrave and Shinfield. This has been accomplished with a slight decrease in the number of men employed due to the

use of a mechanical shovel for excavating and loading covering material. The delivery of two new refuse collection vehicles during December, 1947, will improve the ease with which collections are maintained, and allow for urgent repairs to the existing fleet.

The weekly collection of refuse now being undertaken at 57% of the properties in the District has resulted in a considerable increase in the amount to be disposed of. During the past year tips at School Green, Shinfield, and Wee Waif, Twyford, have been in continual use. In addition, a pond at Dunt Lane, Hurst, has also been used and during the summer, ponds and depressions at Whistley Court Farm, Hurst, and Mungells Farm, Winnersh, have been filled in by "controlled tipping." The tips are in excellent condition, well consolidated, adequately covered with earth and no nuisance has been encountered.

The collection of salvage has, in the main, increased; the proceeds during the year being £1,512 compared with £1,299 in the previous year. The biggest increase is with paper, where 171 tons were disposed of for £1,171, being a 32.6 per centage increase on the previous year's tonnage.

It has again been possible to dispose of 27 tons of crushed tins which were delivered direct to the Council's Depot from Military Camps in the area. A market could be found for tins from household refuse which would result in further improvements in the tips, but it has not been possible to devise any economic means of extracting these tins from the refuse delivered to the tip.

Little is done with kitchen waste as a large proportion of householders keep chicken or pigs, and a very small amount of kitchen waste is found amongst the refuse. Approximately 24 tons of kitchen waste collected by the Council was disposed of to a pig club.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Following is the Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector for the year 1947:

Council Offices,

Shute End,

Wokingham, Berks.

March, 1948.

Dr. W. B. Moore,

Medical Officer of Health,

"The Wilderness," Maidenhead, Berks.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour of presenting herewith my Report of work carried out during the year ended 31st December, 1947.

The total number of visits made during the year was 4,911, apportioned as below. This number does not include work carried out under the Rural Housing Survey mention of which is made elsewhere in this Report.

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	403
„ „ Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	218
„ „ „ „ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	...	186
„ „ visits in connection with infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	93
„ „ „ „ „ water supply	...	...	...	...	...	251
„ „ „ „ „ drainage	...	...	...	...	...	102
„ „ samples of well water analysed	...	...	...	...	...	117
„ „ „ „ „ milk taken for bacteriological examination	...	...	...	...	...	114
„ „ visits to dwelling houses	...	...	...	...	...	928
„ „ „ to moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	104
„ „ „ in connection with floods	...	...	...	...	...	96
„ „ „ to factories	...	...	...	...	...	41
„ „ „ to shop premises	...	...	...	...	...	245
„ „ „ to cafes, restaurants and hotels, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	71
„ „ „ to bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	31
„ „ „ to dairy farms and dairies	...	...	...	...	...	261
„ „ „ to butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	...	453
„ „ carcasses of pigs inspected slaughtered privately	...	...	...	...	...	227
„ „ visits to schools	...	...	...	...	...	55
„ „ miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	1,733
„ „ premises at which disinfestation for vermin was carried out	...	...	...	...	...	24

Nature and Number of Nuisances dealt with :

Absence of satisfactory water supply	...	...	...	...	...	49
Defective well water pumps	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ water service pipes	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ covers to wells	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ drainage systems	...	...	...	...	...	42
„ cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	14
„ flushing cisterns	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ water closets	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ manhole covers	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ E.C. accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	11
Absence of lavatory accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	7
Insanitary sinks	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dangerous structures	...	...	...	...	...	8
Dirty walls and ceilings	20
Defective plaster (walls and ceilings)	40
„ roofs	30
Damp premises	36

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Insufficient dustbins	14
Defective flooring	24
„ hot water installations	5
„ cooking ranges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
„ window frames and sashes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
„ eaves, gutters and stackpipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ coppers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ chimney stacks and flues	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ door frames and sills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Absence of washing accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Defective brickwork and pointing to walls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ staircases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ firegrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Dirty tenants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Verminous premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

ANTHRAX ORDER, 1938.

Two notifications of suspected cases were received under this Order, one was confirmed and one not confirmed.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ORDER, 1928.

No notifications were received during the year under this Order.

WATER SAMPLES.

One hundred and seventeen samples of water were taken for bacteriological analysis from private wells in various parts of the District, and the results may be classified as under :

Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Passable	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54

Appropriate action was taken with regard to the unsatisfactory samples by having the main supply laid on where available.

FOOD INSPECTIONS.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register—

Wholesale Producers : Number of Farms	...	...	...	134
Retail Producers : Number of Farms	...	...	...	24
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	15
	<i>Tuberculin Accredited. Pasteurised.</i> <i>Tested.</i>			

Number Licensed—

Number Licensed—								
Producers	...	...	...	39	28		<i>Nil</i>	
Producers and Retailers			...	5	7		<i>Nil</i>	
Distributors (Retail Purveyors)				8	<i>Nil</i>		4	
Supplementary	...	...	...	3	<i>Nil</i>		3	
Total number of Dairy Farms			...	...	...	...	...	158
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :								
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Number of Inspections			...	...	...	...	...	261

MILK SAMPLING.

MILK SAMPLING.

During the year under review 114 samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination. These are classified as given in the following table :

table :				<i>Satisfactory.</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory.</i>
Non-Designated Milk	...	...	...	11	5
Tuberculin-tested Milk	...	...	...	3	<i>Nil</i>
Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	1	<i>Nil</i>
Accredited Milk	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
SCHOOL SAMPLES.				<i>Satisfactory.</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory.</i>
Non-Designated Milk	...	...	...	38	13
Tuberculin-tested Milk	...	...	...	1	<i>Nil</i>
Accredited Milk	...	...	...	2	<i>Nil</i>
Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	37	3

In addition, 16 samples of milk were taken for the presence of tuberculosis, of which 10 were school-milk samples. All samples were negative

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 18 Bakehouses in the District. Informal Notices were issued in respect of the following matters :

				7
Contraventions under Factory Act discovered	...	...		7
" " remedied	...	...		4
" " "				

BUTCHERS' PREMISES.

Four hundred and fifty-three visits were made to butchers' premises for the purpose of inspecting meat for sale and in connection with the registration of these premises under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

UN SOUND FOOD.

Beef (English)	... 304 lbs.	Beans	... 32 tins
Beef (Imported)	... 494 lbs.	Corned Beef	... 145 tins
Offal (English)	... 43½lbs.	Fish	... 399 tins
Pork (English)	... 81 lbs.	Jam	... 4 tins
Bacon ...	... 42 lbs.	Meat & Vegetables	... 25 tins
Ham ...	... 8 lbs.	Milk	... 195 tins
Fish ...	... 96½lbs.	Peas	... 12 tins
Carrots	... 336 lbs.	Tongue	... 1 tin
Peas ...	... 86½lbs.	Miscellaneous Foodstuffs	36 tins
Potatoes	... 280 lbs.	Cheese	... 12 pkts.
Prunes	... 25 lbs.		
Semolina	... 18 lbs.		

16 cwts. 22½lbs.

The carcasses of 227 pigs slaughtered by owners for their own consumption were inspected.

(Signed) W. L. LONGHURST,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

RODENT CONTROL.

Wokingham Borough and this Rural District are still amalgamated for this purpose. The staff consists of three rodent operators.

During the year ending 31st December, 1947, the Block Control System was in operation. Survey and disinfestation was completed in the Borough of Wokingham and in 13 out of the 15 Parishes in the Rural District.

Free treatment is given to all private dwelling houses, but a charge to cover expenses is made for all business premises.

All Council undertakings, both in the Borough and the Rural District, such as refuse tips, salvage depots, sewage disposal works, etc., are periodically inspected and treated. Inspections have also been made of the sewers in both Districts. Every individual complaint received is attended to promptly. Treatment consists in the use of Poison recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, "trapping" and, in some instances, "gassing."

The following is a summary of the work carried out in 1947 :

Number of premises visited	...	...	...	...	...	6,119
Number of private dwellings found infested, treated and cleared						426
Number of business premises treated	...	...	...	...		38
Number of complaints received and dealt with				...	...	312

HOUSING.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

Total plans deposited	...	...	...	...	...	...	423
No. of plans for new dwellings or additional units of accommodation							133
No. of plans rejected for various defects under Byelaws, Public Health Act, 1936, or Water Act, 1945	...	...	...	...			4
No. of plans rejected under the Town and Country Planning Acts							14
No. of dwellings completed by Private Enterprise	...	...					67
No. of dwellings under construction on 31st December, 1947	...						35

CONTROL OF CIVIL BUILDING.

No. of licences issued during the year for repairs and maintenance	...						1,087
No. of licences refused	...	...	...	...	...	...	83
Value of work licensed	...	...	...	...	...	...	£58,013

The number of Licences dealt with has been somewhat less than in 1946, but the volume of work involved in inspections and the checking of quantities of controlled materials has been very heavy.

The ban on private building and the acute housing shortage has caused an increase in the demand for temporary dwellings, and during the year temporary permission was granted in 18 cases. It is hoped that some relaxation in the licensing restrictions will soon be made and that an increase in the number of temporary dwellings will be avoided.

COUNCIL'S HOUSING PROGRAMME.

The position on the 31st December, 1947, was :

No. of new permanent Council Houses completed	...	...	20
No. of new Council Houses in course of erection	...	...	91
No. of sites on which construction has been commenced	...		5

The position on the 30th April, 1948, was :

No. of new permanent Council Houses completed	...	...	41
No. of new permanent Council Houses in course of erection			87

The Council decided against the erection of temporary dwellings, but they have had transferred to them five ex-service camps, containing huts, which have been adapted for temporary housing purposes, and affording accommodation for 90 families.

The Council has also requisitioned 65 premises, affording accommodation for 77 families.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

The Preliminary Survey required under the Third Report of the Rural Housing Sub-Committee of the Central Housing Advisory Committee and the Ministry of Health's Circular 64/44 of the 24th May, 1944, has been completed.

All houses with a Rateable Value of £25 and under have been included and placed under Categories 1 to 5, as follows :

Category 1—Satisfactory in all respects	...	...	...	51
Category 2—Minor defects	...	...	...	3,158
Category 3—Requiring repairs, structural alterations or improvements	...	...	...	3,364
Category 4—Appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts	...	...	...	262
Category 5—Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense	...	...	...	661

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACT, 1936.

No grants were made under this Act during the year.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	258
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	597
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	...	...	16
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	25
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation			7
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	224

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :*

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	182
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :*A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
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(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :

(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 5

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :

(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

C. *Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil

D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... Nil

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	35
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	60
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	262
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	21
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	14
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	109
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	Nil

It will be observed that the total increase in overcrowded cases over 1946 is 16, and there are doubtless many other cases existing which have not been brought to our notice.

The position at the end of 1948, however, should show an improvement as quite a number of families now living under overcrowded conditions will be re-housed in the new Council houses now under construction.

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	32	15	7	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority...	2	66	56	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...		98	71	9	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness...	4	3	3	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	6	1	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	2	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	8	1	1	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) insufficient ...	9	2	1	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	10	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	12	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	60	9	6	—	1	—

WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for fail- ure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wearing apparel: Making, etc.	13	6	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	70	6	—	—	—	—	—

